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# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## SELECTMEN OF PEMBROKE,

FOR THE YEAR 1857-8.

1857.

### EXPENDITURES.

April 1.	To paid Ephraim S. Gilman for the serviees of himself and wife, for one year, ending April 1, 1857, \$270.00	
" 16.	To paid Mehitable Buntin for boarding Henry W. Sargent three weeks, ending April 10, 1857,	4.50
May 8.	To paid Samuel B. Drew, in part for boarding Henry H. Hale, a County pauper,	25.00
15.	To paid Samuel B. Drew, in part for the same,	4.25
June 2.	To paid John S. Purington, for boarding Andrew J. Drew's two youngest children from May 14 to June 14, 1857,	10.00
" 13.	To paid Samuel B. Drew, in part for boarding Henry H. Hale, a County pauper,	5.00
" 19.	To paid Trueworthy L. Fowler, for interest on money advanced to pay Ephraim S. Gilman's order,	1.89
" 19.	To paid Edward Kimball, for services as S. S. Committee for 1856,	27.00
" 23.	To paid T. L. Fowler, for cash paid Daniel H. Haggett for supporting Anna Haggett, a County pauper, twenty-one weeks, ending June 23, 1857, at 83 cents per week,	17.50
July 1.	To paid Martin H. Cochran, for balance due on note against the town, dated Oct. 21, 1854, payable to Noah M. Cofran, and interest,	165.33
" 17.	To paid Norris Cochran, for 1120 feet bridge stringers for Elliott bridge, and 853 feet stringers for McConnell bridge, \$49.33; 855 feet timber for Elliott bridge, \$10.25; 480 feet plank for Elliott bridge, and 616 feet plank, and 194 feet joists and boards for McConnell bridge, \$17.88,	77.46
" 23.	To paid Elsy G. McCutcheon, for 115 ft. boards for Elliott bridge,	1.38
" "	To paid George P. Morgan, for one day's work on Elliott bridge,	1.00

Sept. 16.	To paid Samuel B. Drew, in part for boarding Henry H. Hale, a County pauper,	5.00
" 18.	To paid Richard T. Worth, for eight days labor breaking roads, \$4.50, and for cash paid for breaking roads, \$2.15,	6.65
" 26.	To paid Betsey Prescott, for boarding Benning Prescott 26 weeks, ending August 14, 1857, at \$1.75 per week,	45.50
" 29.	To paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing Town Reports for 1856-7,	22.00
Oct. 7.	To paid T. L. Fowler, for cash paid D. H. Haggett for supporting Anna Haggett, a County pauper, 15 weeks, ending Oct. 6, 1857, at 83 cents per week,	12.50
" 20.	To paid Wm. Knox, for 1166 feet of stringers for Thompson bridge, and 320 feet timber, \$29.72; 1200 feet plank for said bridge, \$14.40, and 2175 feet plank for sundry bridges, \$26.09,	70.21
" "	To paid Asa Ames for 1½ days labor on Bombay bridge,	2.25
" "	To paid Andrew Ladd, for 1 day of self and use of tools on Bombay bridge,	2.50
" "	To paid Samuel B. Drew, for balance due him for supporting Henry H. Hale, a County pauper, 53 weeks, up to October 20, 1857,	.50
" 22.	To paid Moses Richardson, Jr., for one half of three stringers for Davis bridge,	10.00
" 23.	To paid city of Concord, for assistance rendered Thomas C. Wheeler and family,	14.36
" "	To paid T. L. Fowler, for cash paid Deborah Conner for supporting Samuel Conner, a County pauper, from March 31 to Oct. 20, 1857, 29 weeks, at \$1.75 per week, \$50.75; and for cash paid Daniel H. Haggett for supporting Anna Haggett 2 weeks, ending Oct. 20, 1857, \$1.67,	52.42
" "	To paid E. A. Philbrick, for one year's interest on money received of Mr. Straw, as indemnity for the support of her child,	6.00
Nov. 2.	To paid Winthrop Fowler, Jr., for 4 days' labor on Elliott bridge,	7.00
" 28.	To paid John Richardson, for 186 ft bridge plank,	2.23
" "	To paid Samuel B. Drew, for supporting H. H. Hale, a County pauper, 5 weeks and 3 days, ending November 27, 1857,	4.50
Dec. 8.	To paid M. H. Cochran, for cash paid Deborah Conner for supporting Samuel Conner 7 weeks, ending December 8, 1857,	12.25

1858.		
Jan. 2.	To paid J. Fowler & Co., for bill of goods furnished Patrick Gorman, from December 8, 1857, to date, \$4.00; for bill of goods furnished Mrs. Moratty, 0.44; for bill of goods furnished Mary Spaine, from Oct. 20, 1857, to date, \$5.39; for bill of goods furnished Cornelius Solon, from Nov. 3, 1857, to date, \$6.69, amounting to	16.52
" 5.	To paid Deborah Conner, for supporting Samuel Conner four weeks, ending Jan. 5, 1858,	7.00
" 6.	To paid S. B. Drew, for supporting H. H. Hale 5 weeks, ending Jan. 1, 1858,	4.17
" 25.	To paid A. W. Burt, for abatement of poll tax, he having paid poll tax in Massachusetts,	1.54
" 26.	To paid James Fowler & Co., for goods furnished up to Jan. 22, as follows: To Mary Spaine, \$2.73; Cornelius Solon, \$3.16; Patrick Gorman, \$8.10; Mrs. McCue, \$1.98, amounting to	15.97
" "	To amount appropriated to the use of the several school districts, including \$106.20 Literary Fund money, for the support of schools for 1857, viz.: Dist. No. 1, \$174.25; No. 2, \$122.13; No. 3, \$86.14; No. 4, \$95.72; No. 5, \$58.19; No. 6, \$98.65; No. 7, (including \$10.45 for Union Dis.) \$70.21; No. 8, \$359.54; No. 9, 63.37,	1128.20
" 29.	To paid D. H. Haggett, for supporting Anna Haggett 14 weeks, ending Jan. 26, 1858, at 83 cents per week,	11.67
" "	To paid Samuel B. Drew, for supporting Henry H. Hale 4 weeks, from Jan. 1 to Jan. 29, 1858, at 83 cents per week,	3.33
Feb. 2.	To paid Deborah Conner, for supporting Samuel Conner 4 weeks, from Jan. 5 to Feb. 2, 1858,	7.00
" "	To paid Benjamin Fowler, for 1½ days labor of self and 1 day of oxen on road, 2 days of self, 1 day of oxen on Davis bridge,	5.50
" "	To paid John W. Nelson, for 1½ days labor on road,	1.50
" 8.	To paid Albert P. Fowler, for 1½ days work on road,	1.50
" 13.	To paid Jesse K. Kimball, for 3 days labor of self, father and yoke of oxen, \$9.00, and use of cart, drag, plough and chains 3 days, on bridge across brook near J. C. Kimball's, \$2.50,	11.50
" "	To paid J. H. Osgood, for house rent for Mrs.	

	Eastman, from Nov. 23, 1857, to March 16, 1858,	14.00
Feb. 13.	To paid Martin H. Cochran, for cash paid Mrs. Eastman, agreeable to the order of selectmen of Groton,	10.00
" 16.	To paid town of Canaan, for the support of Oron Holt, his wife and 4 children, and for funeral, and other expenses for said Holt, and for money furnished Mrs. Holt to pay her expenses to Vermont,	176.48
" "	To paid Betsey Prescott, for supporting Benning Prescott 26 weeks, from Aug. 14, 1857, to Feb. 12, 1858,	45.50
" "	To paid James Fowler & Co., for the following bills of goods furnished up to date, viz.: To Patrick Gorman, 8.00; Mrs. McCue, 3.59; Mary Spaine, \$2.11; Cornelius Solon, \$3.62,	17.32
" "	To paid Deborah Connor for supporting Samuel Conner 2 weeks, ending Feb. 16, 1858,	3.50
" 18.	To paid Samuel Elliott, for time putting props under bridge stringers, 25 cents; labor of self and horse, and use of wagon about bridge, \$1.00,	1.25
" "	To paid Cotton K. Simpson, for labor and plank furnished to repair bridge, Apr. 6, 1857, 1.00; for labor repairing road, Apr. 16, 1857, 1.00,	2.00
" 19.	To paid Butler H. Phillips, for medical attendance on A. J. Drew and child,	4.50
" "	To paid W. K. Clifford, for paying State tax for 1857, as per receipt,	357.70
" "	To paid W. K. Clifford, for paying County tax for 1857, as per receipt,	997.25
" "	To paid W. K. Clifford, in full for collecting the taxes for 1856, at one per cent.,	36.87
" "	To paid W. K. Clifford, for the following certificates of non-resident highway taxes, worked out in 1857, viz.: Reuben Haines, .75; Charles Staniels, 1.84; James Martin, 2.20; Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, 7.71; Wm. H. and Reuben G. Wyman, 1.96; Joseph Ellis, .21; Benjamin G. Davis, .81; and for the following taxes worked out in 1856, viz.: Reuben Haines, .70; Malachi Haines, .30, and Charles Staniels' tax worked 1855, .55, amounting to	17.03
Feb. 19.	To paid W. K. Clifford, for abatement of the following taxes for 1856, viz.: Charles W. Abbott, 1.37; Peter Brown, 1.37; Darius Eastman, 1.37; Henry A. Mann, 3.47; John	

	K. Emery, 1.37 ; Freeman P. Ladd, 1.37 ; John Sullivan, 1.37 ; Cyrus Coburn, 1.37 ; and also the following, they having paid taxes in other places, viz. : John Heath, 1.37 ; George W. Messer, 1.37 ; George W. Richardson, 1.37 ; amounting to	17.17
Feb. 19.	To paid W. K. Clifford, for his note against the town, dated Aug. 18, 1856, and interest,	109.18
" 20.	To paid John K. Robinson, for assistance rendered transient person, and shovelling snow on Bow road, and furnishing wood for town meeting, 2.00 ; self 3 days and oxen, cart and plough 1 day on bridge near J. C. Kimball's, 5.00 ; four stringers for said bridge, 2.00 ; journey of self, horse and wagon to New-Hampton after Judith Farmer, and expenses, 5.00 ; cash paid for freight on Judith Farmer's goods, 1.59 ;	15.59
" "	To paid John K. Robinson, for 1 bag flour, 1.70 ; 10 lbs. fish, .45 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea and 3 lbs. sugar, .49 ; and half cord of wood, 1.75, furnished for John Hutchins,	4.39
" "	To paid town of New-Hampton, for assistance rendered Judith Farmer,	9.50
" "	To paid Martin H. Cochran, for one day at Thompson bridge, 1.00 ; cash paid Philip Stewart for bill of goods furnished H. B. Keniston's wife, 5.02 ; time and expense to Canaan about Oromon Holt and family, 7.00 ; time and expense of sending State arms to Portsmouth, 1.96 ; 2 days of self and 250 feet timber for Bombay bridge, 4.75 ; 1 day of N. Hartford on same, 1.00,	20.73
" "	To paid Martin H. Cochran, for amount furnished A. J. Drew, as follows, viz. : March 18, 1857, 1 peck meal, 25 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. potatoes, .33 ; 3 lbs. pork, .42 ; 1 quart molasses, .14. March 21, $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. potatoes, .34 ; cash paid Philip Stewart for goods, 2.00,	3.48
" "	To paid Martin H. Cochran, for wood furnished as follows : Mary Spaine, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord, 1.75 ; Patrick Gorham, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord, 1.75 ; Cornelius Solon, 1 cord, 3.50,	7.00
" "	To paid John K. Robinson, for his services as selectman, viz. : 1 day at Suncook, appointing liquor agent, appointing Superintending School Committee, and about paupers, 1.00 ; 11 days taking inventory and regulating the same, making taxes and highway surveyors'	

	warrants, and distributing same, 11.00; 2 days about bridges, and at town farm and posting warrants for town meeting, 2.00; 2 days dividing school money, making jury list, and about paupers, 2.00; 3 days settling selectmen's accounts, making check lists, posting and correcting same, 3.00,	19.00
Feb. 20.	To paid Martin H. Cochran, for his services as selectman, viz.: 1 day at Suncook about paupers and appointing liquor agent, 1.00; 4½ days taking inventory, 4.50; 7 days regulating inventory, making taxes and highway surveyors' warrants and distributing same, 7.00; 1½ days dividing school money, making and posting warrants for town meeting, 1.50; 4 days examining bridges, procuring lumber and about paupers, 4.00; 1 day at Concord before County Commissioners, 1.50; drawing jurors and regulating jury-box, 2.00; time at poor farm, 2.00; 5 days at poor farm settling with overseer and appraising stock and provisions, settling selectmen's account, making and posting warrants and check lists for town meeting, and correcting check lists, 5.00,	28.50
" "	To paid Edward Kimball, for school books furnished poor children in District No. 8, agreeable to provisions of law,	1.75
" "	To paid Moses Martin, for 1 day's attendance before County Commissioners, in Concord bridge case,	1.50
" 22.	To paid Thomas Hook, surveyor for highways, Dist. No. 19, for cash paid for labor on turnpike road, viz.: May 18, for hand and yoke of oxen 1 day, 1.34; June 30, for 2 yoke of oxen 1 day, 2.00; Oct. 17, one yoke of oxen 1 day, 1.00,	4.34
" 23.	To paid Joseph M. Emery, for services as Town Clerk for 1 year, ending March 9, 1858,	6.00
" "	To paid Samuel B. Drew, for supporting Henry H. Hale, a County pauper, 3 weeks and 4 days, ending Feb. 23, 1858,	3.00
" "	To paid G. G. Fogg, for publishing notice for agent on town farm for 1856, in the Independent Democrat,	1.00
" "	To paid Trueworthy L. Fowler, for cash paid John Fife for assisting to put props under stringers of Elliott bridge, .25; for cash paid J. Y. Mugridge for legal advice in pau-	

per case, .50 ; cash paid for powder, fuse, use of drills and sharpening same, used in blasting on road near T. French's, .68 ; time, use of horse and wagon to Elliott bridge, to secure stringers, and to Concord to see Mayor about repairing same, 1.00 ;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  days labor of self and  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of oxen on road, 3.00 ; time enrolling militia and making return of same, 1.50 ; cash paid Jacob Jenness for 1 day's labor of self and 1 of son on road, 2.00 ; paid Benjamin Baker for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  days on same, 1.50 ; paid T. French for 1 day of self and oxen on same, 2.00 ; for 5 days labor of self on Elliot bridge, 5.00 ; cash paid Harrison Head for 2 days on same, 2.00 ; 2 days labor of self on McConnell bridge, 2.00 ; 3 days labor of self and 3 days of Darius Snell, and 1 day of oxen and cart on Davis bridge, 7.00 ; time, journey of horse and wagon and expenses to Nottingham, in relation to the settlement of Scott C. Trickey, 3.00 ; cash paid justice for time and services taking affidavits, .75 ; and 3 persons for affidavits in relation to said case, .75 ; for 5 lbs. spikes furnished for McConnell bridge, .25 ; time and use of horse and wagon to look up help to repair road and bridges, and after stringers for Davis bridge and settle for same, 1.00 ; cash paid B. Carter for one half of iron work for Davis bridge, 1.25 ; for one stick of chestnut timber used for tie for Davis bridge, .75 ; time, use of horse and sleigh and expenses to Canaan, to settle bill for the support of Oromon Holt and family, and to see about said family, and to Alexandria in relation to the settlement of Sarah Abbott, 7.50 ; time, use of horse and wagon and expenses to Manchester, in relation to the settlement of Andrew French, 3.00 ; for assistance rendered a transient person, 1.00 ; cash paid at express office for carrying money to Canaan, .25 ; cash paid for 3 pairs boots for Mrs. Moratty's boys, 4.62 ; cash paid B. G. Davis for labor of self, oxen and cart repairing road damaged by freshet, 1.19 ; and for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day's labor of myself at same time, .50 ; cash paid Eleazer Barney for bill of goods furnished Mrs. Holt, 1.87 ; cash paid J. & G. Barnard for bill of goods furnished Mrs. Holt, 1.50,

Feb. 23. To paid Trueworthy L. Fowler, for cash paid for blank inventory books, collectors' and surveyors' books and warrants, and for stationery, 5.00; postage, .93; for dinners for selectmen, while taking inventory, 1.50; and for furnishing selectmen, 5.00,

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" " To paid Trueworthy L. Fowler, for his services as selectman, as follows, viz.: 1 day at Suncook, appointing liquor agent and making agreement with same, and contracting for board of paupers, 1.00; 4 days taking inventory, 4.00; 8 days regulating inventory, making taxes, making highway surveyors' warrants, distributing same and recording limits of districts, 8.00; making collectors' lists and warrants and making return of taxes assessed, to State, County and Town Treasurers, 3.50; making division of school money and keeping accounts with highway and school districts, and drawing orders, 3.00; making 3 pauper notices and copies to town of Allenstown, journey to Concord to get them served, and about State arms, 1.50; time at poor farm and time examining Thompson, Elliott, McConnell, Davis and Bombay bridges, and after lumber, 4.00; recording inventory and taxes, and making return of same to Town-Clerk, 4.00; making out pauper accounts and affidavits, and attending court to get the same allowed, 3.50; 1 day's attendance before County Commissioners and time at Concord in relation to Concord bridge case, 3.00; extra time and travel spent about paupers, investigating new cases, and taking affidavits of Patrick Gorman, Mary Spaine, Nancy McCue, C. Solon and Mrs. Moratty, 4.00; drawing jurors and regulating jury-box, 1.00; making warrants for 2 town meetings and check lists, posting and correcting same, 3.00; settling with overseer of town farm, copying accounts for publication, appraising stock, produce, &c., 2.00; settling selectmen's accounts and making record of same, settling with highway surveyors, keeping account with treasurer and settling with same, 4.00; preparing accounts for publication, and journey to Concord to get them printed, 2.50,

52.00

" " To paid Samuel Gault, for one year's interest on

	his note against the town, dated Aug. 18, 1856,	6.00
Feb. 24.	To paid Rodney Carlton, highway surveyor for district No. 5, for 1857, for labor in breaking out roads in 1856-7, \$4.50, and for cash paid the following persons for same: viz., Josiah Richardson, \$2.08, and Joseph Clifford, \$3.96,	10.54
" "	To paid Josiah B. Cram, highway surveyor for district No. 6, for 1857, for labor in breaking out roads in 1856-7, \$4.56, and for cash paid for same: viz., Norris Cochran, \$6.09, Philip Stevens, \$2.17, Moses Martin .75, Levi Robinson, \$2.67,	16.24
" "	To paid Moses Martin, in part payment for his note against the town, dated Aug. 18, 1856,	100.00
" "	To paid W. K. Clifford, for certificate of Samuel Staniels, non-resident highway tax worked out, 1857, \$2.08, and Hutchins & Dumas' worked out, 1856, \$5.34,	7.42
" "	To paid Smith Glidden, highway surveyor for district No. 12, for 1856, for labor in breaking out roads, 1856-7, \$2.18, and for cash paid for same: viz., Harrison Head, \$1.20, Reuben Heath, \$1.30, Thomas Robinson, \$1.65, Joseph Baker, jr., \$1.30, Henry C. Morrison, \$1.60, Nathan Severance, .83,	10.06
" "	To paid David L. Holt, for his services as treasurer for 1857-8,	6.00
" "	To paid Aaron Whittemore, for attendance before County Commissioners at hearing about Concord Bridge, \$1.50; for 60 lights sash with glass, for town house, \$1.80; for services as auditor, \$1.00,	4.30
	Amount of expenditures,	\$4,319.71

## 1857. RECEIPTS.

March.	By amount in favor of the town, as by the Selectmen's accounts the past year,	\$214.40
May.	By amount of State, County, Town and School taxes assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents for 1857,	3,884.55
	By amount of State, County, Town and School taxes assessed upon the ratable estates of non-residents,	144.26

By amount of Highway taxes assessed upon the estates of non-residents,	51.91
By amount of Literary Fund received of State Treasurer for 1857,	106.20
By amount received of the county of Merrimack for the support of paupers up to Oct. 20, 1857, at town farm, as follows : Scott C. Trickey, between April 1, 1855, and Oct. 20, 1857, about 75 weeks, 62.13 ; Temperance Dolbier, (Doyen,) 53 weeks, 53.00 ; Elizabeth Frye, 53 weeks, 75.00 ; Hannah Morgan, 16 weeks, 8.00 ; Geo. G. Morgan, 28 weeks, 18.76,	216.89
Henry H. Hale, at S. B. Drew's, 53 weeks,	39.75
Anna Haggett, at Daniel H. Haggett's 53, do.,	44.17
Samuel Connor, at his house, 53 do.,	95.00
By amount received of James Wilson, highway surveyor for Dist. No. 20, for highway taxes paid in money,	29.17
By amount received of Joseph C. Fowle, for Lot No. 3, in the burying-ground on Main street,	4.00
By amount received of Joseph B. Conner for Lot No. 2, after deducting one half of the expense of removing the remains of Miss Noyes therefrom,	3.50
By amount received of the town of Groton, being amount expended for the support of Mrs. Eastman, exclusive of 6.00, remaining in our hands, to be expended agreeably to the order of the Selectmen of said Groton,	24.00
By amount received of Asa Morrill for $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 old stringers,	.75
By amount received of Charles K. Williams for parts of old bridge stringers,	2.00
By amount received of Charles Bailey for 5 old planks,	.50
By amount received of State Treasurer, in part for railroad tax for 1857,	12.30
By amount received of William A. Osgood, survey of highways for Dist. No. 1, for 1857, for highway taxes,	75.00
By amount received of John H. Osgood, surveyor of highways for Dist. No. 1, for 1857, for highway taxes,	15.00
By amount received of the town of Allentown for amount paid Mehitable Buntin, for boarding Henry W. Sargent 3 weeks,	<del>4.00</del> 4.50
By amount received of City of Manchester for boarding Andrew French at town farm 4 weeks,	4.00
By amount received of E. S. Gilman, overseer of town farm, for balance of receipts over expenditures,	34.66

By amount received of John K. Robinson for  
stick of spruce timber, used while building  
Doyen Bridge, . . . . . 50

Amount of receipts, . . . . . \$5,007.01  
Amount of expenditure, . . . . . 4,319.71

Balance in favor of town, . . . . . \$687.30

TRUEWORTHY L. FOWLER, } *Selectmen*  
MARTIN H. COCHRAN,     } *of*  
JOHN K. ROBINSON,       } *Pembroke.*

PEMBROKE, Feb. 26, 1858.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned auditor of accounts, having examined the Selectmen's account of receipts and expenditures during the past year, and found the same duly vouched and correctly cast, find a balance in favor of the town, as by the foregoing statement, of \$687.30  
And find due from the town, on sundry outstanding notes, and interest, as follows :

To Samuel E. Moore, . . . . . 804.30  
Joseph H. Moore, . . . . . 85.26  
Moses Martin, . . . . . 53.00  
Samuel Gault, . . . . . 103.30  
Weston Cofran, . . . . . 109.18  
William Knox, jr., . . . . . 216.77

Amounting to . . . . . 1,371.81  
From which deduct balance in favor of the town, as above, 687.30  
Leaving a balance against the town of . . . . . \$684.51

AARON WHITEMORE, *Auditor.*  
PEMBROKE, Feb. 26, 1858.

Amount of balance against the town, as shown by the Selectmen's account Feb. 20, 1857, . . . . . \$1,445.23  
Deduct the amount of balance against the town present time, . . . . . 684.51  
Liabilities of the town reduced, . . . . . \$760.72

Paid for support of paupers not at farm, 1857-8,	\$581.22
Paid for support of paupers not at farm, 1856-7,	291.16
Expenditures for 1857-8 exceed expenditures for 1856-7,	<u>\$280.06</u>

### RECAPITULATION.

Paid State and County taxes,	\$1,354.95
Overseer of town farm,	270.00
For support of Schools and S. S. Committee,	1,155.20
For breaking roads, 1856-7,	44.49
Hired money and interest,	382.50
Town officers, including pay for collecting taxes for 1856,	149.37
Abatement of taxes for 1856-7, and for non-resident highway taxes worked out, 1855-6-7,	43.16
For support of paupers not at farm, (28.50 of which has been received of towns of Allenstown and Gro- ton, 122.17 of the county, and 127.26 is now due from the county, leaving a balance of 303.29 for support of town paupers,)	*581.22
For repair of roads and bridges exclusive of high- way labor, as follows: Thompson bridge, 44.12; Elliott bridge, 64.87; McConnell bridge, 35.75; Davis bridge, 22.00; Bombay Bridge, 10.40; bridge near J. C. Kimball's, 13.50; road near T. French's, 11.68, and all other roads and bridges, 20.36,	227.49
Miscellaneous expenses, not included above,	111.53
<b>Amount,</b>	<u><b>\$4,319.71</b></u>

\* This amount has been expended for the relief and support of persons as follows:

	No. of Persons.	Amount.
Oromon Holt and family, from July 2, 1857, to Jan. 20, 1858,	6	\$179.85
Thomas C. Wheeler and family, from May 19, to Sept. 22, 1857,	6	14.46
A. J. Drew and family, from March 18, to June 14, 1857,	5	17.98
Mrs. Eastman and family, from Nov. 23, 1857, to March 16, 1858,	6	24.00
Mary Spaine and child, from Oct. 20, 1857, to Feb. 16, 1858,	2	11.98
Patrick Gorman and family, from Dec. 8, 1857, to Feb. 16, 1858,	6	21.85
Nancy McCue and children, from Jan. 8 to Feb. 16, 1858,	3	5.57
Cornelius Solon and wife, from Nov. 3, 1857, to Feb. 16, 1858,	2	16.97
Samuel Conner, 46 weeks,	1	80.50
Benning Prescott, 52 "	1	91.00
Henry H. Hale, 71 "	1	54.75
Henry W. Sargent, 3 "	1	4.50
H. B. Keniston's wife and two children, about 5 weeks,	3	5.02
John Hutchins and wife,	2	4.39
Mrs. Moratty and family,	6	5.06
	<u>51</u>	<u>\$581.22</u>

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

*At the Town Farm, from February 20, 1857, to February 20, 1858.*

## 1857. EXPENDITURES BY E. S. GILMAN.

Feb. 26.	To paid R. Drew, for time of self and use of sleigh, \$	.50
Mar. 14.	To paid B. Parker, for salaratus, .12; saltpeter, .4,	.16
" 16.	To paid J. Jenness, for 2 bush. rye, 2.25; labor of self and oxen, 1.33,	3.58
" 26.	To paid Evans & Hill, for $\frac{3}{4}$ bush. grass seed, 3.00; 15 lbs. C. seed, 2.85; $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. plates, .46; 4 yds. print, .50; 1 earthen pot, 13; 2 balls wicking, 12; 1 card, .08,	7.14
" 21.	To paid C. Hill, 1 pr. taps for C. Holt,	.20
" 27.	To paid Asa Ames, for filing 2 wood saws,	.25
" 30.	To paid B. Parker, for one pt. mustard seed,	.08
April 7.	To paid John Parker, for $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. lime,	.15
" "	To paid J. B. Cram, 1 lb. 6 oz. snuff, .40; 5 gals. molasses, 2.80; 10 lbs. sugar, 1.25; 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. potash, 2.70; 5 lbs. coffee, .70; 1 lb. tea, .56,	8.41
" 10.	To paid George Main, for paint and oil,	1.40
" "	To paid Evans & Hill, for 1 bag salt, .25; 2 lbs. saleratus, .16; 1 oz. thread, .10; and George Saunders, for strainer, .33,	.84
" 13.	To p'd B. Parker, for 3 lbs. nails, .15; tobacco, .06,	.21
" 16.	To paid S. Edgerly, for rennet,	.25
" "	To paid E. S. Gilman, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. wheat, 7.00; 1 bush. potatoes, .75,	7.75
" 24.	To paid J. Jenness, for labor,	.50
" 28.	To paid B. Parker, for 2 bowls,	.13
May 8.	To paid Gust. Walker, for 2 hoes,	1.16
" "	To paid Evans & Hill, 1 bag salt .25; cloth for strainer, .25; 1 lb. cocoa, .25,	.75
" 4.	To paid pedlar, for 15 lbs. fresh fish,	.30
" 20.	To paid B. Parker, 1 lb. saleratus, .08; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. pepper, .04,	.12
" 22.	To paid J. B. Cram, salt fish and palm-leaf,	.75
" "	To paid R. Stewart, 3 yds. drilling, .50; 2 yds. drilling, .26; 7 yds. gingham, .87; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. linen thread, .04; 6 yds. sheeting, .54; 10 lbs. sugar, 1.20,	3.41
" 25.	To paid J. B. Cram, for 1 Reader, .45; 1 lb. tea, .56; 2 lbs salaratus, .14; 3 papers garden seeds, .15; cassia, 13,	1.43
" 27.	To paid J. Jenness, for 200 lbs., and B. Parker, for 100 lbs. plaster,	1.50
" 30.	To paid pedlar, for 5 doz. crackers, .25; and 4 papers seeds, 20,	.45

June 11.	To paid J. F. Hoyt, for 1 kitt of mackerel, 2.58;	
	bag salt, .25; 2 lbs. coffee, 28,	3.11
" 13.	To paid B. Parker, for 3 tin pans, .18; 1 chamber, .12,	.93
" 24.	To J. F. Hoyt, for 6 gals. molasses, 3.75; 10½ lbs. sugar, 1.39,	5.14
" 26.	To paid J. B. Cram, for 1 bush. salt,	.50
July 11.	To paid Bullock & Willis, for 2 lbs. crushed sugar, .30; and Evans & Hill, for 2 seythes, 1.84; 2 rakes, .50; and D. A. Warde for 2 rifles, .18; 1 fork, .50,	3.32
" 18.	To paid J. Cofran, for 1 tub,	.60
" "	To paid B. Parker, for 2 lbs. coffee, .28; ½ lb. pepper, .08,	.36
" 22.	To paid E. M. Wilson, for rennet,	.25
" 27.	To paid B. Parker, for 1 lb. ginger,	.13
Aug. 17.	To paid Evans & Hill, for 4 gals. molasses, 2.50; 1 lb. tea, .50,	3.00
" "	To paid Bullock & Willis, for 1½ doz. buttons, .12; 1 sheet F. paper, .05,	.17
" 22.	To paid J. Warren, for 3 days labor reaping,	4.50
Sept. 2.	To paid W. Cofran, for thrashing,	4.90
" 10.	To paid H. T. Warren, for cow,	36.00
" 11.	To paid G. F. Whittredge, for 1 pr. shoes, 87; 12 lbs. sugar, 1.38,	2.25
" "	To paid C. Thorn, for 1 pr. boots for Arthur Holt,	1.87
" 17.	To paid Charles Cofran, for 21½ days' work haying,	26.87
" 18.	To paid G. F. Whittredge, for 4 gals. molasses,	1.80
" "	To paid A. Blanchard, for 2 lbs. coffee, .30; 1 bag salt, .25; spices, 25; and L. Robinson, for 2 plow points, 1.00; and D. A. Warde, 2 knives, .20; 1 strap, .12,	2.12
" 19.	To paid B. Parker, ½ bush. salt, 1 lb. salaratus,	.33
Oct. 6.	To paid B. Johnson, for 1 lb. tea, .58; G. Walker, 1 shovel, 1.00,	1.58
19.	To paid A. Blanchard, 2 lbs. coffee, .30; 2 lbs. salaratus, .16,	.46
"	To paid E. H. Rollins, for spts. nitre,	.08
24.	To paid B. Parker, for use of C. mill,	.50
27.	To paid G. F. Whittredge, 1 bbl. flour, 7.75; and G. Walker, 8 lbs. nails, .36; G. Main, for putty, .09,	8.20
"	Paid H. Lovejoy, for veal,	.90
30.	Paid G. F. Whittredge, for 1 lb. tea, .25; and C. Thorn, 1 pr. shoes for Mrs. Holt, 1.20,	1.45
6.	Paid H. Lovejoy, for 6½ months' labor,	87.75
"	Paid do., for four days' labor,	2.00
14.	Paid G. F. Whittredge, for 2 lbs. tea,	.50
"	Paid Bullock & Willis, for 5 gals. molasses, 2.00;	

	8 yds. sheeting, .80; C. thread, .05; 16 lbs. sugar, 1.44; 1 bush. onions, .92; cassia, 11; cloves, .15; saleratus, .08; wicking, .07,	5.62
Nov. 14.	Paid D. A. Warde, 1 door lock,	.25
" 16.	Paid J. Martin, for 185 feet boards,	1.85
" 16.	Paid J. Cofran, for use of lumber wagon,	.15
" 19.	Paid J. Whittemore, for 1 bush. mortar,	.25
" 23.	Paid J. B. Cram, 1 pr. boots for Charles Holt, 2.38; 1 pitcher, .32; saltpetre, .04; $3\frac{1}{2}$ bush. salt, 1.40,	4.14
Dec. 1.	Paid J. A. Fellows, for new steeling 2 axes and upsetting 1,	1.75
" 5.	Paid A. Jenness, for laying bricks,	.30
" 5.	Paid J. B. Cram, for three school books, .55; 1 candlestick, .17; 3 lbs. saleratus, .21,	.93
" 15.	Paid J. B. Cram, 2 lbs. coffee,	.28
" 16.	Paid G. S. Mason, for taxes in Chichester,	1.65
" 18.	Paid B. Charles, for 4 days' labor,	2.00
" 19.	Paid G. Cofran, for 1 day's labor in haying,	1.25
" 24.	Paid B. Johnson, for bag of salt, .23; quart oil, .25; oil can, .20; nutmegs, .10,	.78
" 29.	Paid B. Parker, for shingles,	.30
Jan. 6.	Paid J. Jenness, for 2 joists for sled shoes,	.50
" 27.	Paid G. Young, for bill of blacksmith's work,	6.15
Feb. 10.	Paid C. Hill, $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. S. leather,	1.44
" 10.	Paid B. Johnson, for 14 lbs. sugar, 1.25; $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. saleratus, 20; 1 ball wicking, .05,	1.50
" 11.	Paid Robert Cofran, for bill of blacksmith's work,	11.90
" 15.	Paid Asa Ames, for filing saw,	.10
" 15.	Paid James Cofran, for repairing boots and shoes for paupers,	1.88
" 15.	Paid Ephraim S. Gilman, for difference between wagons exchanged and interest on the same from May to September, 1856,	18.33

Amount of expenditures, \$306.29

1857.

## RECEIPTS.

Feb. 26.	Rec'd of W. Cofran, for use of horse and wagon,	.70
" "	Rec'd of R. Drew, for sewing,	.35
" 28.	Rec'd of J. Lewis, for $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. butter,	.55
Mar. 5.	Rec'd of T. R. Holt, for use of horse,	.60
" 7.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for horse and wagon to street,	.65
" 13.	Rec'd of B. Parker, for $4\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. cheese,	.53
" 16.	Rec'd of B. Drew, for horse and wagon to Loudon,	1.25
" 24.	Rec'd of W. Knox, for 4 qts. peas,	.17
" 26.	Rec'd of Evans & Hill, for $51\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. butter and 6 doz. eggs,	13.36
" 27.	Rec'd of stranger, for carrying him to Boscawen,	4.00

May 30.	Rec'd of A. Ladd, for 17 lbs. cheese,	2.12
Apr. 4.	Rec'd of C. H. Hutchins, for 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. butter,	.55
" 7.	Rec'd of James Cofran, for 12 lbs. lard,	1.68
" "	Rec'd of Mrs. Jenness, for 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. cheese,	.23
" "	Rec'd of B. Parker, for 21 qts. milk,	1.05
" "	Rec'd of J. B. Cram, for 96 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. cheese,	10.59
" 10.	Rec'd of D. Greeley, for 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. butter,	2.81
" "	Rec'd of B. Parker, for 3 lbs. butter,	.70
" 21.	Rec'd of John Lear, 2 lbs. butter,	.47
" 22.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for horse and wagon to Concord,	.70
" 23.	Rec'd of W. Cofran, for horse and wagon to Concord,	.70
" 24.	Rec'd of W. Fowler, for 4 qts. peas,	.17
" 25.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for horse and wagon to Concord,	.70
" "	Rec'd of R. Drew, for 1 qt. peas, .04, and J. Jenness, for 2 qts. peas, .08,	.12
" 27.	Rec'd of H. Lovejoy, for 3 qts. peas,	.12
May 2.	Rec'd of S. C. Trickey, for horse keeping,	.25
" 7.	Rec'd of C. Emerson, for 1030 lbs. hay,	8.25
" 15.	Rec'd of M. H. Cochran, for $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. corn,	.60
" 19.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for horse and wagon to Concord,	.70
" 22.	Rec'd of P. Stewart, for 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. butter,	4.06
" 23.	Rec'd of G. Cofran, for cow,	45.00
" 29.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for use of horse and wagon,	.33
June 2.	Rec'd of D. Greeley, for 13 lbs. butter,	2.86
" 5.	Rec'd of T. Fowler, for one hat,	.12
" 9.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for horse and wagon,	.33
" 10.	Rec'd of T. R. Holt, for use of horse and wagon,	.80
" 11.	Rec'd of S. Herbert, for 30 lbs. butter,	6.30
" 19.	Rec'd of M. H. Cochran, for one pig,	3.00
" 20.	Rec'd of G. Cofran, for one pig,	3.00
" 22.	Rec'd of C. Hutchinson, for 2 pigs,	6.00
" 24.	Rec'd of J. F. Hoit, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. butter, 3.50; 2 bush. potatoes, 1.60;	5.10
" 25.	Rec'd of B. Parker, for horse to Concord,	.65
July 3.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for horse and wagon to Concord,	.70
" 4.	Rec'd of T. H. Fife, for use of horse and wagon,	1.50
" 11.	Rec'd of Evans & Hill, for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. potatoes,	1.25
" 15.	Rec'd of Bailey Parker, for use of horse,	1.28
" 20.	Rec'd of Charles Cofran, for 1 hat,	.13
Aug. 1.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for use of horse and wagon,	.70
" 10.	Rec'd of J. Cofran, for 1 bush. potatoes,	.75
" 14.	Rec'd of C. H. Hutchins, for use of horse and wagon,	1.00
" 17.	Rec'd of Evans & Hill, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. potatoes,	2.63

Aug. 18.	Rec'd of James Cofran, for 1 bush. corn,	1.25
" 31.	Rec'd of James Cofran, for 12½ lbs. beef,	1.25
Sept. 2.	Rec'd of T. Drew, for 1½ bush. oats,	.87
" 3.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for use of horse and wagon,	.65
" 10.	Rec'd of E. M. Wilson, for cow,	30.00
" 11.	Rec'd of G. F. Whittredge, for 1 bush. beans,	2.25
" 15.	Rec'd of T. R. Holt, for use of horse,	1.15
" 17.	Rec'd of J. Goss, for 50 lbs. butter,	11.00
" "	Rec'd of J. Goss, for 32½ lbs. butter,	7.53
" 18.	Rec'd of G. F. Whittredge, for 50 lbs. butter,	11.00
" 19.	Rec'd of B. Parker, for ½ bush. peas,	.58
" 26.	Rec'd of J. Goss, for 23 lbs. chickens, 3.22 ; 28 lbs. butter, 6.27 ;	9.49
" 28.	Rec'd of J. Cofran, for use of horse and wagon,	.60
Oct. 6.	Rec'd of Wyman & Mace, for 28 lbs. chickens,	4.20
" 8.	Rec'd of G. Cofran, for use of horse and wagon,	.70
" 24.	Rec'd of C. H. Hutchins, for use of horse and wagon,	1.25
" 26.	Rec'd of N. Butler, for ½ barrel cider,	2.00
" 27.	Rec'd of G. F. Whittredge, for cask of cider, \$5 ; 1 bush. apples, .50 ;	5.50
" "	Rec'd of T. French, for ½ bush. apples,	.35
" 28.	Rec'd of G. Young, for 1 shote,	12.00
" "	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for use of horse and wagon,	.65
Nov. 14.	Rec'd of Bullock & Willis, for 10 lbs. butter, \$2 ; 1 bush. apples, .50 ; 1 bush. beans, 2.25 ; 7 doz. eggs, 1.25 ;	6.00
" 15.	Rec'd of Charles Cofran, for use of horse and wagon,	.25
" 16.	Rec'd of Robert Cofran, for use of wagon,	.25
" 19.	Rec'd of J. Wyatt, for 1 bush. beans,	2.25
" 23.	Rec'd of J. B. Cram, for 9½ bush. oats,	4.67
Dec. 5.	Rec'd of J. B. Cram, for oats,	.55
" 9.	Rec'd of A. Smart, for one yearling steer,	20.00
" 15.	Rec'd of J. B. Cram, for 75 lbs. cow's hide,	3.75
" 19.	Rec'd of Bliss Charles, for use of horse,	.50
" 24.	Rec'd of B. Johnson, for 21½ lbs. chickens,	2.05
" 26.	Rec'd of J. Cofran, for spts. nitre,	.04
Jan. 25.	Rec'd of R. Cofran, for 15 lbs. butter,	2.70
" "	Rec'd of B. Drew, for ½ bush. apples,	.37
Feb. 2.	Rec'd of Blake, for chickens,	1.00
" 10.	Rec'd of C. Hill, for 2 bush. apples,	1.00
" "	Rec'd of B. Johnson, for 3 bush. apples,	1.50
" 15.	Rec'd of B. Parker, for use of horse,	.60
" 16.	Rec'd of B. Parker, for 8 lbs. cheese,	.64
" "	Rec'd of W. Hoit, for 12 lbs. butter,	2.16
" "	Rec'd of J. Cofran, for 8 lbs. pork, 1.38 ; use of horse and wagon, .70 ;	2.08
" "	Rec'd of T. L. Fowler, for ½ bush. salt,	.20
" "	Rec'd for working out R. G. & W. H. Wyman's non-resident highway tax,	1.96

Feb. 24. E. M. Wilson, for difference between oxen exchanged, 41 181 not paid to town 40.00

Amount of receipts, 41 181 not paid to town \$340.95

Amount of expenditures, 41 181 not paid to town 306.29

Balance paid into town treasury, 41 181 not paid to town \$34.66

Amount received of the County, for the support

of paupers at the farm, and of the city of

Manchester, for boarding Andrew French, 120.00

221.39

### PAUPERS SUPPORTED AT THE FARM.

	WEEKS.		WEEKS.
Elizabeth Frye,	52	Mrs. Moratty,	18½
Temperance Dolbier, (Doyen,) 52		John Moratty,	2
Mrs. Catherine Holt,	52	Michael Moratty,	18½
Charles A. Holt,	52	Timothy Moratty,	18½
Ann E. Holt,	52	Patrick Moratty,	18½
Arthur H. Holt,	52	Hannah Moratty,	18½
Irah C. Holt,	52	Mary Mann,	31
Scott C. Trickey, about	15	Judith Farnum,	21
Hannah Morgan, about	6	George G. Morgan,	9
Andrew French, about	4		

Mrs. Holt and four children have been supported at the town farm since November 13, 1855, for whose support we believe the town of Allenstown to be liable, and notices have been served upon said town accordingly.

### ESTIMATED VALUE OF STOCK AND PROVISIONS AT THE TOWN FARM, FEBRUARY 24, 1858.

1 horse, valued at	90.00	60 bushels potatoes,	30.00
1 yoke of oxen,	125.00	450 pounds pork,	54.00
1 yoke 4 years old steers,	95.00	200 pounds beef,	14.00
5 cows,	170.00	50 pounds lard,	6.00
3 two years olds,	65.00	210 pounds cheese,	14.70
2 shoats,	30.00	25 pounds tallow,	2.50
5 yearlings,	50.00	50 pounds dried apple,	4.00
18 tons hay,	180.00	10 dozen candles,	1.80
90 bushels corn,	82.80	30 gallons soap,	5.00
13 bushels wheat,	19.50	1½ barrel cider,	6.00
12 bushels oats,	5.40	20 gallons vinegar,	3.34
9 bushels beans,	13.50		
12 bushels peas,	1.50	Amount,	\$1,069.04

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF PEMBROKE.

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THE position which the laws of the State assign the Superintending School Committee, gives them opportunities of observing and judging respecting the real condition and wants of the several schools in town, not enjoyed by others; therefore, we believe it is their duty to speak kindly, but freely and plainly, of those influences and practices which are made to bear upon them.

The Town is expending yearly from its treasury about twelve hundred dollars in support of its schools; and if we add to this the value of time and board, and the expense of clothing, and the furnishing our children with books; we shall sum up an amount greater and of more intense public interest than any other which concerns the community at large.

And we believe that much good might result from a serious consideration of this subject on the part of parents and those having the care of our youth. It is an interesting feature of our school system, which requires the whole property of the town to be taxed for the support of public education, and it demands the grateful notice of those who are poor. The means of a substantial education are thus placed within the reach of all.

The amount expended on each scholar attending school last year was three dollars and thirty-nine cents. In this way a large number of families are having a larger amount of money expended for their benefit, than they are contributing, by taxes or otherwise, for the support of public institutions.

The district school is an institution of too great importance to be made the sport of party strife or personal favoritism; it should be kept separate from party feuds and all personal and neighborhood quarrels, but it is not always so.

School districts are sometimes made the arena on which are enacted scenes of the most selfish and unpatriotic character; this ought not to be.

The election and duties of Prudential School Committees is a subject often referred to in school reports, and by some may be considered as exhausted and not to be referred to again; but we shall venture a suggestion or two on this point, with all due respect to the office and responsible station of said committee; for we consider it an office of very great *responsibility*.

The employment or non-employment of a teacher for a subsequent term, furnishes a question of a grave character for the district committee to consider; the best good of the school should govern his decision.

When a good teacher has taught one or more terms in the same district with good success, we think it very desirable that such a teacher should be continued; the highest good of the school demands it. But one term of an *inefficient* teacher is enough.

How to determine such a question may often be perplexing. Sometimes there may be a strong appeal to relationship or personal partiality; or one's own children, or some friend's children may interpose reasons for or against;

and although these reasons may all be trivial and unworthy, still it may require a high-minded and patriotic man to resist them; but unless a man will merge selfish interests in the general good, he ought not to hold such an office.

The position we take is this: the Superintending School Committee, having examined both teacher and school, are better qualified to judge of the fitness of a teacher for a particular school, than others, who have not had the same means of information; and we respectfully suggest whether it would not be proper for district committees to make inquiries respecting such candidates, before employing them. Former Superintending Committees might render valuable aid in this cause.

It is sometimes easier to avoid an evil than to cure it.

A suitable attention to such things as we have named would occasionally be a saving not only of money to a district, but of character to the teacher.

No teacher, with a proper appreciation of character, can desire to occupy a station with inability to fill it with honor; and certainly no school committee should knowingly thrust a teacher into such a place.

A good teacher, for want of adaptation, may fail in one district, but succeed in another. We know that this principle obtains in other departments of business, and why not in school keeping?

The business of selecting school teachers is one of too much importance to be under the control of captious influences.

Our schools sometimes suffer from frequent gatherings of the scholars, at evening parties of pleasure and sport, and also some other gatherings, dignified by the name of speaking or spelling schools, and the like, may be allowed to divert the attention too much from the ordinary exercises of the school.

It should be borne in mind that a *few* weeks comprise the entire length of our schools; (very different from city and large village schools, which continue through the year.) How important then that nothing improper be allowed to interpose obstacles to their highest usefulness.

We believe that our schools suffer to a greater or less extent every year from some extraneous influences, which might and ought to be dispensed with; such has been the case the past winter.

It can not be profitable to employ a teacher to instruct our children, and at the same time allow them to engage in pursuits adapted to dissipate those instructions, and prevent the forming of habits of patient, serious thought.

Writing composition, and declamation, when properly conducted, may be made useful and interesting, by giving a necessary and pleasing variety to the exercises of the school-room, and developing the genius and power of the scholar; but those should be made entirely subservient to the improvement of the mind; and if this can not be attained, we believe such exercises had better be omitted. We should not attempt to pursue too many branches of science in from eight to twelve weeks.

To do a little and do it well, is much better than to attempt more and only half do it.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term by Miss DAVIS. The scholars generally manifested a spirit of obedience and attention to their studies. From the answers promptly given to the questions proposed, though their voices were for the most part too low and indistinct, it was apparent that good improvement had been made in the various branches which had been pursued. In most cases where failures occurred, the cause was attributable to tardiness or absence on the part of the scholars. The teacher has evidently managed

the school with attention to its best progress, and with very good success, and justly merits commendation. Winter Term taught by Mr. HARVEY.

Much pains taken to improve the school in reading, which is very important, and too much neglected; to accomplish this end the teacher read paragraphs for the imitation of his pupils, endeavoring to guide them to a proper accent and emphasis, tone of voice, &c.; encouraging progress was made, though perfection was not attained; the teacher has labored to instil into the mind, first principles and the reason of things. This school has good advantages, and ought to be among the very first in point of progress.

School for the most part quiet and orderly. The teacher had evidently secured the good will of his scholars, and maintained discipline, through kindness, rather than by arbitrary power.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss OTTERSON, teacher of Summer School. The teacher was deeply engaged in efforts to instruct her pupils, and enable them thoroughly to comprehend their various studies; her labors were crowned with encouraging success. At the close of the term the conduct of the school was such as to indicate that good discipline had been maintained. The teacher obviously enjoyed the respect and affection of her charge, and ruled them by persuasion and love, rather than by coercive measures. The reading with some exceptions was good, while a few excelled. Winter Term by Miss RICHARDSON.

Quietness and order predominated in the school; the recitations, with some exceptions, gave evidence of study on the part of the scholars, and well directed efforts on the part of the teacher. She was active and prompt in conducting the various exercises, appeared to understand her work well, and ready to give instruction in the various studies brought under review.

Such promptness and decision promise well for the future. This school maintains its standing in the first rank; recitations in the more advanced classes, in summer and winter, would compare favorably with any in town. Rhetorical exercises at the close of each term, which were well performed; compositions well composed; some of them excellent both in style and thought.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss COCHRAN, teacher both terms. School not in a very advanced state. The labors of the teacher have been abundant, and seem to have been quite successful.

School has been orderly, school-room kept clean, showing that neatness was considered appropriate, and essential as a means of mental improvement. The closing exercises were well sustained, exhibiting good improvement. The standing of this school has improved very much during the year; the design of the teacher seems to have been to inculcate first principles and form correct habits.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer School taught by Miss MOORE. School very still when visited; an air of cheerful quietness prevailed in the school-room.

The teacher appears to have been quite successful in this, her first school; and what is new in this district, secured the good will of the whole district.

Winter Term by Mr. MILES; although too short to accomplish very much, was yet attended with good results. The teacher appeared at home and has labored faithfully; and had there been closer application, and more patient thought on the part of scholars, there would have been greater progress. This appeared in the grammar class, and some others. Scholars were respectful, and orderly, with very few exceptions.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss PUTNEY, teacher both terms. The former character of the teacher, as faithful and devoted to the best interests of her pupils, has been fully sustained, it is believed.

Through the willingness of the teacher thus to do, and the willingness of the district to give her board, nearly twice the length of school has been enjoyed; and while no one probably feels the poorer or in any way harmed by the arrangement, much good has been done; much good instruction has been imparted, many lessons learned; and all attained at less expense than in any other way. The general deportment of the large scholars has been an improvement on last year.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss RICHARDSON, teacher in summer. School appeared well, no whispering, scholars respectful and interested; well advanced in Arithmetic and Grammar; have given attention to thoroughness; the improvement in reading and in studies generally has been good.

Winter Term, by Miss CHESLEY. Expectations, based upon former reported success, have not been fully realized.

There appeared not to have been that close application, and devoted interest, which has been manifest at some former times in this school. It is possible that other than the ordinary exercises of the school may have claimed too large a share of attention.

It is believed a retrograde movement has been made among the larger scholars by returning to an old reading book; and thus reviving old habits of carelessness, which were in process of being corrected. Reading has not improved as much as could be desired.

The general deportment of the school, when visited, was good.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer School, by Miss A. FOWLER. The school made respectable progress; particular scholars had done very well for so short a time.

There was too much whispering. This is a great hindrance to successful study.

The Winter Term, by Miss E. M. FOWLER, commenced with the prospect of a more orderly school than is generally enjoyed in this district in the winter; and, judging from appearances at the close, this had been the case, with few exceptions. It is with sorrow that truth requires it to be said, that a few of the oldest girls, *young ladies!* manifested but little respect for their teacher, or the proper decorum of the school-room. Yet the progress of most of the scholars has been commendable.

But, comparing the present condition of this school with what it was two years ago, there has been marked advance; but this advance is greatly retarded by a pertinacious retention of old books. It is very difficult to convince some people that there is a better way than that in which they have trodden in times past.

## DISTRICT No. 8 — 1ST DIVISION.

Both Terms under the care of Miss WILLEY. Many of the scholars in this school seem hardly to know what restraint is, or how to submit to it; the teacher therefore finds it a difficult task to manage them, and bring such order out of confusion as to promote their improvement. We believe she has exerted herself with the utmost diligence and earnest desire to benefit, in all respects, those under her care. She did not, however, succeed in maintaining so good order, in summer, as desirable, but there was improvement in this respect toward its close. The Commit-

tee encouraged the teacher to decision, firmness, yet mildness in her efforts to maintain correct discipline.

During the winter there was an evident gain in the appearance of the school: more quietness, with a disposition to obey, and submit to restraint, and more attention to study, and of course much better progress than before. There was gratifying progress in the reading lessons—a principal branch taught in this school. Other studies gave evidence of not having been neglected. We believe the teacher has endeavored to accomplish all she could.

#### DISTRICT No. 8 — 2d DIVISION.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss GAULT. The teacher has won a good reputation in times past, and has well sustained it the past season. The scholars have been attentive to their studies, and little inclined to disobedience or improper conduct. The exercises of the school have been conducted with order, promptness and good profit as to the saving of time, and the benefit of all concerned. In this school there are some good readers, though all may improve. Each branch of study seemed to have been thoroughly attended to. At the close of the term there were rhetorical exercises, which were not without interest; compositions were read quite creditable to the authors.

Winter Term by Mr. COUCH. In reading, the instructor gave examples for the guidance of his scholars, and good improvement appeared to have been the result. This is commendable. In Arithmetic thorough instruction in fundamental principles was attempted, not without some good degree of success. In Writing there were some specimens of great improvement; more progress in this art than we usually find. The scholars conducted in an orderly manner, and with due respect to the teacher and their own character. More promptness in conducting the exercises might have saved time, and brought out the other branches of study, which would have been gratifying, and given us better means of judging of the success of the school.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Miss FOWLER, teacher both terms. But few scholars attended the summer school. Some of them seemed quite backward in their lessons, while others gave evidence of good improvement of their means of instruction. The teacher appeared to labor with earnest desire to aid the scholars in their studies. The school for the most part in summer was pretty orderly, though not without some degree of restlessness; and on the whole during so short a term, there was about all the progress that could be expected.

During the Winter Term a larger number of scholars attended. There were, however, various influences and causes at work, before, and at the commencement, which operated very unfavorably to the best interests of the school. No doubt the teacher wished to succeed in her task, and keep a good school, but peculiar and untoward circumstances were too strong for her. At the close of the school there appeared to be but very little attempt at government. The larger scholars were guilty of very great improprieties of conduct, which of course could bring no credit to their character. And we fear that these things were more or less countenanced if not encouraged by those who ought to have deeply lamented them.

It is desirable that peace and harmony be restored to this district, and all their future schools be attended with the highest prosperity.



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## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	Term.	Names of Teachers.	Length of schools in weeks.	Wages of Teachers per month, including board.	Number of scholars attending school.	Average attendance.	Number of scholars between four and sixteen.	Number of scholars over sixteen.	Number of visits by Superintending School Committee.	Number of visits by Prudential Committee.	Number of visits by citizens and others.	Number of instances of tardiness of scholars.	Amount contributed in board.	Amount of money appropriated to each district.
1	Sum.	M. C. Davis.	14	18.50	31	21	31	3	38	283			174.25	
1	Win.	W. F. Harvey.	12	27.00	46	40	43	3	3	2	47	337		
2	Sum.	S. F. Otterson.	12	16.00	26	19	26	3	3	25	25		122.13	
2	Win.	P. A. Richardson.	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	17.00	30	22	26	4	3	2	37	52		
3	Sum.	E. J. Cochran.	11	16.00	16	14	15	1	3	29	40		86.14	
3	Win.	E. J. Cochran.	11	18.00	31	27	27	3	6	24	41			
4	Sum.	J. Moore.	10	13.00	15	14	15	2	18	44		95.72		
4	Win.	L. Miles.	9	26.00	22	19	19	3	2	41	64			
5	Sum.	H. M. Putney.	10	14.00	29	20	27	2	5	1	17	44	15.00	58.19
5	Win.	H. M. Putney.	14	15.00	32	24	29	3	3	1	10	203	21.00	
6	Sum.	P. A. Richardson.	8	15.00	27	23	24	3	3	10	69		98.65	
6	Win.	A. B. Chesley.	11	20.00	41	35	33	8	2	24	30			
7	Sum.	A. Fowler.	8	12.66	19	14	18	1	2	9	76		59.76	
7	Win.	E. M. Fowler.	8	15.00	26		21	5	2	1	9	77		
8	Sum.	S. C. Willey.*	18	17.00	75	45	75	6	1	20	437		359.54	
8	Win.	S. C. Willey.*	10	17.00	63	47	63	5	15	122				
8	Sum.	M. A. Gault.†	18	18.00	46	30	43	3	7	1	65	207		
8	Win.	B. H. Couch.†	10	32.60	55	40	45	10	4	25	55			
9	Sum.	M. Fowler.	7	14.00	9	8	9	3	3	4	16		63.37	
9	Win.	M. Fowler.	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.00	22	14	22	3	10	37				

\* First Division. † Second Division.

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PEMBROKE, Feb. 23, 1858.